

21st Century Cardinals: Helping Students Achieve Access to 21st Century Scholarships



Southport High School is Making it Happen!



WE ARE a high school on the outskirts of Indianapolis that is proud to accommodate each and every student's individual needs with a variety of learning options. It is our school counseling program's mission to provide all students an individualized experience promoting educational success by offering guidance to support the areas of academic, career, and social development; counseling to help students overcome challenges that interfere with learning; advocacy for a safe, supportive environment that encourages high achievement for all students. Through the school counseling program, students become successful lifelong learners and positive contributors to society.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES live on the south side of Indianapolis. We have around 2200 students, in which our population is very diverse. 63% of our student body utilizes the free and reduced lunch program. 57% of our students are White, 16% are Asian, 13% are Hispanic, 7% are Black, 5% are Multi-Racial, and 2% other. We also have 13% of our population as English language learners and 11% of students receive special education services.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE is ensuring our 21st Century Scholars meet all of the requirements to be eligible for their scholarship money. Students in the 21st Century Scholar program have yearly activities they must complete, as well as GPA and diploma requirements. We are proud to say that 96% of our graduating senior scholars qualified to receive their scholarship. It is our goal to help every scholar meet their scholarship requirements through the scholars' website and state materials provided. The SHS counseling department prides themselves on knowing each scholar and their post-secondary plan.

OUR STEPS to meeting our amazing goal include numerous meetings with scholars as groups and individually, as well as working with each child to ensure all scholar success activities are completed yearly. The counseling department works to achieve this goal knowing how important post-secondary education and career training is to our students. Using the 21st Century Scholars' website, we keep record of activity completion. We use this data as a counseling department to work toward 100% of our students meeting their requirements and goals.

IN OUR OWN WORDS

"The counseling department has spent countless hours working with students and parents to ensure all 21st Scholars criteria is met. They are an integral part of why our success rate with scholars is so great."
-SHS staff member

"Our counselors not only remind us yearly to complete our scholar success plans, they call us down and help us complete them. They make sure we have success!"
-SHS student

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